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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Charles A. Conrad

Serial No.: 09/397,782

Filed: September 16, 1999

For: **IN VIVO PRODUCTION  
OF ssDNA USING REVERSE  
TRANSCRIPTASE WITH  
PREDEFINED REACTION  
TERMINATION VIA  
STEM-LOOP FORMATION**

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April 19, 2001  
Date

**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION OF DECEMBER 19, 2000**

Dear Sir:

Applicant responds to the Official Action mailed in the captioned application on December 19, 2000 as follows. A request for a one month extension of the time to respond to that Action, and a check for the applicable fee, is enclosed. In the event the check in the amount of any necessary fees was not properly executed, was not included with this Response and/or was insufficient in amount, or for any other reason this Response is not considered timely filed, request is hereby made for an extension of the time for the period necessary to ensure consideration of this Response and the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0965 (INGA,004/CIP) in the amount of any necessary fee.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Amend the specification as follows (in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.12(b)(iii), another version of the replacement paragraph(s), on one or more pages separate from this amendment and marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of that paragraph(s), is attached):